

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A spatula device for performance of a laryngoscopic treatment of patients which are intubatable conventionally or with difficulties ~~characterized in that the spatula device comprises a flat element at its distal end wherein the flat element is hinged, comprising:~~
 - i) a flat element at its distal end wherein the flat element is hinged, and
 - ii) a removable optical device for observation of space around the distal end of the spatula device.
2. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the distal end is hinged by means of a pulling handle.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently Amended) The spatula device according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the optical device includes a light emission output, which is inclined to a longitudinal axis of the optical device.

5. (Currently Amended) The spatula device according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the optical device is firmly fixable.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The spatula device according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the optical device is provided in a stiff manner.

8. (Currently Amended) The spatula device according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the optical device is provided in a flexible manner.

9. (Currently Amended) The spatula device according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the optical device includes a wide-angle lens with an angle ranging from 0 to 75 degrees.

10. (Currently Amended) The spatula device according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the optical device comprises a cold light source connection.

11. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the flat element comprises a thickened rounded lip.

12. (Previously Presented) The spatula device according to claim 2, including an optical device for observation of space around distal end of the spatula device.

13. (New) The spatula device according to claim 1, comprising a single flat element at its distal end wherein the single flat element is hinged.

14. (New) The spatula device according to claim 1, wherein the distal end is hinged by means of a pulling handle that is operated in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle.